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## Calendar

Sun., Sept. 18	Art at Penn Place, through October 1: Series 12 Group Exhibit (see p 7)		County), Town Hall, 10 am to 4 pm; deadline to register for Attic in the Street (see p 5)
Fri., Sept. 23	Pick up your printed October <i>Bugle</i> in the PO lobby	Sun., Oct. 9	Art at Penn Place, "Meet-the-Artist" reception, Ann Gordon, 3 to 5 pm (p 7); Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Warren Kornberg photography, opening, 1:30–3:30 pm (see p 6)
Sat., Sept. 24	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9 am–1 pm		
Sun., Sept. 25	Newcomers Welcome and picnic, Town Hall, 12 pm (pp 3,4)	Mon., Oct. 10	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Tues., Sept. 27	Arboretum Committee meeting, Town Office, 7:30 pm	Tues., Oct. 11	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm
Thurs., Sept. 29	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Oct. 13	<i>Bugle</i> deadline for November issue
Sat., Oct. 1	Large item pickup; Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9 am–1 pm; GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9 am–12 pm	Sat., Oct. 15	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9 am–1 pm; GIVES collection, 9 am–12 pm; Attic in the Street, Kenilworth Avenue (south), 10 am–2 pm (rain date Oct. 16; see p 5)
Sun., Oct. 2	Art at Penn Place, new exhibit: Ann Gordon, paintings (through Oct. 29; see p 7)	Mon., Oct. 17	Leaf removal begins this week (see p 3)
Thurs., Oct. 6	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Oct. 20	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Fri., Oct. 7	Craft Show (sponsored by Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County), Town Hall, 4 to 7 pm (see p 6)	Fri., Oct. 21	Pick up your printed November <i>Bugle</i> in the PO lobby; Film Society, <i>The Best of Enemies</i> , Town Hall; potluck supper 7 pm, film 8 pm (see p 6)
Sat., Oct. 8	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9 am–1 pm; Craft Show (sponsored by Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery		

## Many Lawyers, Many Rabbits

Two people at the September meeting of the Town Council prefaced remarks by saying they were going to "put on my lawyer's hat."

Acting Mayor Joanna Welch presided over a full Town Council and an audience of 15 on a beautiful cool evening featuring many rabbits in the Town Hall garden. Plus there seems to be a new treehouse next door, overlooking the garden.

Liz King got citizen comments going by providing information about the Walter Johnson

school cluster (your reporter graduated from WJ in 1971, ancient uncrowded days). A roundtable took place recently, dedicated to a discussion of preferred solutions to the overcrowding problem at all school levels. The WJ cluster of PTAs recommended, after last June's Roundtable, that we reopen Woodward as a high school, as long as all neighborhoods that currently send kids to WJ would send kids to either WJ or Woodward. Recommendations from this discussion have been handed on to the superintendent.

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The superintendent will make a recommendation in October, and then there will be an opportunity to talk to the Board of Education in early November. Liz noted that Garrett Park may have an opinion on all of this, so she's giving notice of upcoming events in order that we can become aware of the issues. The town would need to submit a response by early November if it wants to weigh in.

Hans Wegner thanked Liz as well as John King for keeping the town informed about this important ongoing problem.

Acting Mayor Welch now took up the matter of possible additional stop signs in town. Weymouth Street is one focus of interest—indeed we have already put a new stop sign there—and we have received comments from several people who live near or on Weymouth. (This is all in response to residents on various streets asking us to look into stop signs. We did a preliminary review of possible locations and then asked for town comment.)

Jane McClintock noted that the town may be liable if there are accidents and there aren't stop signs. "We have a real responsibility to protect this town's financial interests" by making sure we have control of our streets.

Michael Spekter rose to speak. He lives on Weymouth and said that to his knowledge there has never been an accident there. "Now there's a stop sign in front of my house. Very few cars come through in a 24-hour period. There's a stop sign at the bottom of Oxford, which is totally appropriate. But with this new sign I can't park in front of my house, and the house has no driveway. I would ask that the stop sign there be removed."

Nancy Walz said that the stop sign at the end of Oxford makes that intersection safe; but she had a suggestion. "If the town removed the third stop sign on Weymouth facing the dead end and in front of Michael Spekter's house, we might add small signage to the remaining two signs. For the Oxford sign, replace ALL WAY WITH TRAFFIC FROM RIGHT DOES NOT STOP. For the Weymouth sign facing Strathmore, replace ALL WAY WITH ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP. That should take away any confusion at the three-way intersection."

There was now a motion to wait for a planned engineering study before we make a final decision on any signs at the Weymouth/Oxford intersection. This passed unanimously.

Now Joanna shared an information item: Town Manager Gene Swearingen's three years here have taken place under an original contract allowing no provision for a cost of living adjustment. His new contract includes this, and raises his base salary for this year to where it would have been had he gotten this adjustment all along.

Gene's report on the town's finances was—as it so often is lately—another opportunity to pat ourselves on the back, as he noted that the year-end report has us in "a really strong financial position." Although there are significant improvement projects that will no doubt use up some of this money, for the moment we're way cool and should rent ourselves out as consultants to bankrupt towns.

Specifically, there was a big increase in real property tax—it was much higher than projected. Local income tax too increased way over our projections. We spent none of our contingency fund, and we underspent our budget by \$100,000. "We did a good job of spending our money appropriately—work on trees, parks, and grounds—and the overall budget was managed well, with substantial funds carried forward."

Again, we'll put much of this money into the capital program. There are big expenses coming up, including the need for a storm water plan, which will be costly. We're also starting, this year, several additional projects, including the repair and maintenance of all existing sidewalks, plus street repaving.

Gene updated us on the status of our tree program. We've currently got a big project going involving removing dead or dying trees. You'll see lots of trimming and pruning of trees around town, as well as the removal of plant and tree material that has migrated to the middle of the street.

"If you have a tree on the right of way, let us know, and we'll have Phil Normandy look at it and give us advice about any need for moving or pruning."

Phil by the way is still looking for the trees we've chosen for Keswick: finding them is turning out to be a bit of a challenge, and so it might not be until spring that they will go in.

Finally, we are working on repaving the end of Rokeby Avenue so that the area at that border of the town is safer.

Margaret Soltan

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# Town Manager Notes

*Newcomers Welcome.* All are invited, especially new residents to the town, to a Newcomers Welcome at the Town Hall on Sunday, September 25, at 12 noon. This year's event will include events for children, food, and plenty of information about the town. Longtime residents are encouraged to come and meet the new folks. Sponsored by the Citizens Association, the gathering will be informative and festive.

*Leaf removal.* Leaf raking season is getting close. Bethke Landscaping, our leaf removal company, will begin work during the week of October 17. During the leaf removal season, each street will be cleared once every week, as early in the week as possible (rain will delay collections). Leaves should be placed in rows along the street side of the curb. Please remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that could damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be bagged and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Large item pickup.* The fall large item collection will take place on Saturday, October 1. Please mark your calendars accordingly, and be sure to place your items curbside no later than Friday. Anything two people can carry to the curb will be picked up, with the exception of toxic materials.

*Trees.* Fall pruning is ongoing, which includes removal of dead trees, pruning of dead limbs, and the clearance of limbs and undergrowth blocking walkways and streets. If you are aware of a tree-related situation that needs the town's attention, please let us know at the Town Office.

The town's Arboretum Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 27, and invites any residents with questions or concerns about the Town Arboretum to attend. The meeting will be held at the Town Office, Penn Place, 7:30 pm.

*Leaf raking & yard work assistance.* Any young people in town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town Office (301-933-7488) to add their names to our list.

As always, please call me with any questions or concerns (301-933-7488).

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

## Updated Town Addresses

Please be sure to update your e-mail addresses for the following people in our town government:

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# Citizens Association Notes

I don't know about you, but our house wasn't ready for summer vacation to end. We blinked, and suddenly it's time for school to start. Our September meeting featured a talk on "De-stressing College Applications" by Jim Cole and was a huge success.

*Important!* Please note the dates for the *Newcomer Welcome and Family Picnic* (September 25) and *Spooky Woods* (October 22). Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help!

*Future meetings.* Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Sean Conlan or send a note to Box 456.

*Annual dues.* The Citizens Association 2016 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

*Garrett Park listserv.* Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join).

*Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?* If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Sean Conlan.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Awards

### 2 mile Fun Run:

**Women** (top in each age category): Maren Conze, Emma Pannullo (Women's Winner Overall: 14:50), Lucy Murnane, Emily Whiting, Liz Jacobi, Patty Guay-Berry, and Judy Mason.

**Men** (top in each age category): Josiah Koko, Ben Resnick (Overall Winner: 10:50), John Berry, Steve Andrews, James Pearce, Michael Ionno, and Charlie Andrews

### Parade Winners:

**Groups:** *Most Appropriate to Theme:* (1-tie) "Rudbeckia" (Conze family), (1-tie) "MD Blue Crab" (Kim Hooton and crew). *Most Humorous:* (1-tie) "Lord Baltimore" (Knystautas family), (1-tie) "Chill MD Squad." *Most Original:* (1-tie) "Oh Say can you see" (Doria Rose family), (1-tie) "American Women" (Katki family).

**Bikes and Scooters:** *Most Appropriate to Theme:* (1) Ruby, (2) Nora Fogarty, (3) Juliet Fogarty. *Most Humorous:* (1) Sanna Houston, (2) Lily Houston, (3) Luke Melton. *Most Original:* (1) Reilly and Quinn Harris, (2) Brody Godbout, (3) Marianna Preslopsky.

**Walkers:** *Most Appropriate to Theme:* (1) Lu Szulim, (2) Daniel Burros. *Most Humorous:* (1) Mike Grieb. *Most Original:* (1) Julia Altar, (2) Mina Bennett.

**Groups with Wagons:** *Most Appropriate to Theme:* (1) "MD Black-eyed Susans" (Wegner crew). *Most Humorous:* (1) Ella Carmen & Sydney Kantor, (2) "Biking in the USA" (Maya and Mateo Gonzoles-D'Evertanian), (3) Andrea Rose, Kylie Chreky, & Michael Chreky. *Most Original:* (1) "Space Shuttle" (Ari & Leo Rosenzweig), (2) Troop 1338, (3) Wilson & Kai.

**Floats:** *Most Appropriate to Theme:* (1) "Maryland Born and Raised" (Carlin), (2) "Crabtopia" (Bowens & Neills), (3) "Crab Wagon" (Flaherty). *Most Humorous:* (1) "MD Blue Crab Mobile" (McGuire), (2) "Uncle Crabs" (Mulligans), (3-tie) Andrews/Grands, (3-tie) "Captain America" (Brody Gottfried). *Most Original:* (1) "Jousting" (Thompson), (2) "Old Bay Box" (Oliver Lincoln), (3) "Maryland Crab Hats" (Houton family).

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# GIVES Calendar Highlights

## Soup and Bread Supper Returns

Mark your calendar now for the Soup and Bread Supper on Sunday, November 13, from 5 to 7 pm, at the Town Hall. All GP residents, friends, and family are invited to celebrate the partnership between Garrett Park and our wonderful recipients—Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter—by attending this every-other-year event. For this event, begun in the 1970s as a way to help the hungry and homeless in DC and Montgomery County, we ask you to bring a soup or bread with butter, along with your own utensils and bowl, and donate the money that you would have spent on dinner that night to GIVES. Each year that this event has been held, it has produced a smorgasbord of soups that have become town favorites. Executive Directors of both Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter will speak briefly.

If you have further questions about the Soup and Bread Supper, contact Rana Koll-Mandel or Nancy Walz.

## Volunteering for GIVES

We need your help! GIVES needs volunteers year round. If you can spare *only two hours per year*, you can become a part of a Garrett Park institution begun more than 40 years ago. Not only is volunteering fun, but when you sit at the GIVES table, it's a great chance to meet your neighbors, catch up on gossip, and so much more!

You will be helping build community for long-time residents, as well as those new to GP. For more info about volunteering, learning more about GIVES, or about how you can help the hungry and homeless, contact Rana Koll-Mandel.

## Looking for SSL Hours?

GIVES annually donates one-half of all funds collected to the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville. As GIVES is not set up to provide Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, we suggest that students contact the shelter directly at [info@steppingstonesshelter.org](mailto:info@steppingstonesshelter.org) or call 301-251-0567 to schedule time to volunteer and receive credit for time spent helping out their residents in need.

### Fall into Yoga

Tuesdays at Garrett Park Town Hall

Oct. 4–25	5:30–6:15 pm	Beginners series
Sept. 13–	6:30–7:45 pm	Yoga and meditation
Dec. 20		(all welcome)

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# Attic in the Street October 15!

The Garrett Park Women's Club is pleased to announce the annual Attic in the Street town-wide street sale on Saturday, October 15, from 10 am to 2 pm. The rain date will be Sunday, October 16. Attic in the Street is like a giant yard sale in one location: participants will have allotted spaces along Kenilworth Avenue, between Strathmore Avenue and Oxford Street. The street will be closed to traffic. It's a great place to find a good buy, socialize with neighbors, and enjoy refreshments.

The cost is \$20 for one space or \$35 for two spaces. Setup time is from 8 to 9:30 am, and all unsold materials must be cleared by 3 pm.

The deadline to register for a space is October 8 (postmark date), and there are a limited number of spaces, so register early! To register, please send your name, address, telephone, e-mail address, number of spaces requested, and check (made payable to the Garrett Park Women's Club) to Garrett Park Women's Club, P.O. Box 494, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Once you register, you will receive an e-mail confirmation and other details about the event.

Note: Changing of the Guard! After several years of organizing this annual event, Celia Peacock and Kathy Hedge will be stepping down after this October. If you are interested in getting involved in organizing Attic in the future, please consider volunteering this year. Attic is a lot of fun, a great way to meet your neighbors, and the advance work is pretty straightforward! For more information, please contact Celia Peacock or Kathy Hedge.

## Lunch Bunch

Our monthly potluck gathering, Lunch Bunch, is a 45-year tradition; residents of all ages meet at the Town Hall at 12:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) for a relaxing and enjoyable potluck. The Lunch Bunch crew provides beverages (including water, wine, juice, tea, and coffee) and requests only a \$1.50 donation. Please cut out and affix the following dates to your refrigerator!

### 2016–2017 Lunch Bunch dates

2016:	October 11
	November 15
	(Nov. 8 is Election Day)
	December 13
2017:	January 10
	February 14
	March 14
	April 11
	May 9
	June 13

## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

♪ In case you missed it, in August, the people of Garrett Park contributed \$150 to the victims of the Silver Spring fire. Our neighbor Victor Enrique Vergara De La Garza sold vegetables from his garden to raise the money.

♪ An exhibit of photographs by Garrett Park photographer Warren Kornberg ([www.inambientlight.com](http://www.inambientlight.com)) will take place at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. All are invited to the opening on Sunday, October 9, between 1:30 and 3:30 pm. After that, the exhibit will be open to the public from October 10 to October 28, on

weekdays (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, and Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm). Admission is free.

♪ The Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County is sponsoring a craft show at the Town Hall on Friday, October 7 (from 4 to 7 pm), and Saturday, October 8 (10 am to 4 pm), featuring vendors offering custom jewelry, creative gifts and clothing, gourmet foods, and much more. Proceeds will be donated to several local charities (free admission; [gfwcmd.org/clubs/montgomeryco/ccmoco.html](http://gfwcmd.org/clubs/montgomeryco/ccmoco.html)).

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee provides information and assistance for a variety of services to all residents of our Garrett Park community. These include a file of resident recommendations for home repairs and a list of volunteer drivers to appointments, grocery shopping, and prescription pickups. We have knowledge about county resources in general, and particularly for seniors who plan to "Age in Place." We welcome your questions and concerns, and invite you to our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month (except August).

Please contact any of our committee for assistance:

Anne Atlee  
Florence Gootenberg  
Elizabeth Henley  
Glenda Ingham

Gideon Kantor  
Ken Keppel  
Rita Pittillo  
Bonnie Tyler  
Judy Wentworth

## Potluck Supper and Film

On Friday, October 21, the Garrett Park Film Society presents *The Best of Enemies* (documentary, 2015) at 8 pm in the Town Hall. With a nod to the upcoming election, we invite you to look back at the beginnings of modern political punditry, as well as recall the era in which it was born.

If you've read anything about the early days of our democracy, you know that political discourse has always been a bit on the tawdry side, and today is no exception. However, seldom have combatants been as equally matched in wit, intelligence, and the art of the insult as Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley. *The Best of Enemies* reprises their memorable, televised debates during the Republican and Democratic conventions of 1968. If you saw them, you know why they deserve a fresh look; if you didn't, you are in for a treat.

Dinner, served at 7 pm, will be potluck. Bring a dish that serves 6 to 8, and you eat free. If you are not able to cook, pay \$10. Soda, water, beer, and wine will be on offer at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5. The bar opens at 6:45 pm.

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# Art at Penn Place

*Current show.* Now on exhibit at Penn Place Gallery is the Series 12 Group Exhibit, on display from September 18 till October 1. Since the inauguration of the Art at Penn Place Gallery, the town of Garrett Park has sponsored a group exhibition at the beginning of each series, consisting of one piece from each of the artists who will exhibit their work during the coming months. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Series 12 artists and get a peek at their upcoming solo shows. We are very excited to present the work of these talented artists!

## 2016/2017 artists of Series 12:

Ann Gordon	October 2–29
Robert LeMar	October 30–November 26
Sallie Lowenstein	November 27–December 17
Jeffrey Human	December 18–January 14
Glenn Roberts	January 15–February 11
Leila Holtsman	February 26–March 25
Tammy Trocki	April 23–May 20
Farhad Heidarian	May 21–June 17
Vickie Baily	June 25–July 22
Nancy Altemus	July 23–August 19
Lucila San Jose	August 20–September 16

In addition, the Garrett Park Youth Show will be exhibited from February 12 to 25, and the 2017 Garrett Park Invitational Show will be exhibited from March 26 to April 22. Information about the Youth Workshop and the 2017 Invitational is available in the gallery.

*Next show.* Beginning October 2, we will exhibit the work of Garrett Park artist Ann Gordon. Ann’s paintings tell a story, as she creates a dialog with what she sees and what she puts down with her brush. They track where she has been and who was with her; they reflect the quality of light and time of day; they express emotions she cannot put into words. Ann sees the world as a canvas, and feels that art has been her life. She has been a working artist in Montgomery County for 40 years, beginning as an Adult Education teacher. For 16 years she taught ceramics in various schools around Montgomery County. She has a BFA from American University with a concentration in painting. In 1985, Ann went to work as an Arts Specialist for the US Army, working at Arlington Hall, Ft. McNair, Ft. Myer, and Walter Reed. In 2005, she retired, and now devotes her time to her painting. Several days a week you can also find Ann at the Smithsonian American Art Museum guiding tours for children and adults.

We hope you will join us at Ann’s “Meet-the-Artist” reception on October 9, from 3 to 5 pm. Her paintings will remain on exhibit until October 29.

# Greening Report

This month’s green banner is sponsored by Richard Murnane and Fredrika Moser. They sent in their contribution several months ago, but graciously agreed to wait to be acknowledged until now. Many thanks to them!

Alas, that is the last banner sponsorship in the queue. Our well has run dry! If anyone would like to support the green in future months, please make out a check to the Citizens Association for \$45, with “greening” in the memo line, and mail it to the Citizens Association at Box 456. We’d be most grateful.

If you would like your sponsorship to honor something or someone, please enclose a note to that effect with your check. If possible, please also send the information to editor Barbara Collier by e-mail (gp.bugle.editor@gmail.com); phone, USPS, or a note on the door would also work... check the boxed masthead (p 2) or your directory for details.





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